

EPA ICR 0002.08, OMB Control Number 2040-009. Expiration date is October 31, 2002.

**Abstract:** This Information Collection Request (ICR) calculates the burden and costs associated with managing the National Pretreatment Program mandated by sections 402(a) and (b) and 307(b) of the Clean Water Act. This ICR is a renewal of the Revision of the Information Collection Request for the National Pretreatment Program (OMB Control No. 2040-009, ICR No. 0002.08).

Management of the pretreatment program is the responsibility of the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) in the Office of Water (OW), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop national pretreatment standards to control discharges from Industrial Users (IUs) into Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs). These standards limit the level of certain pollutants in IU wastewaters. EPA administers the pretreatment program through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Under the NPDES permit program, EPA may approve State or individual POTW implementation of the pretreatment standards at their respective levels. OWM uses the data collected under the pretreatment program to monitor and enforce compliance with the regulations, as well as to authorize program administration at the State or local (POTW) level. The data collected from IUs includes the mass, frequency, and content of their discharges, their schedules for installing pretreatment equipment, and actual or anticipated discharges of wastes that violate pretreatment standards, have the potential to cause problems at the POTW, or are considered hazardous under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). States and POTWs applying for approval of pretreatment programs submit data concerning their legal, procedural, and administrative bases for establishing such programs. This information may include surveys of IUs, local limits for pollutant concentration, and schedules for completion of major project requirements. IUs and POTWs submit written reports. These data may then be entered into the NPDES databases by the approved State or EPA.

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The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Burden Statement:** The information collection will involve an estimated 33,526 respondents at an annual cost of \$90,597,238 to those respondents. The total annual cost to both respondents and government (excluding Federal government) is estimated at \$94,933,075. The annual number of responses will be 202,882 or 6.05 responses per respondent. The time required for a response ranges from 15 minutes to 400 hours, with an average response time of 6.538 hours. An estimated 33,526 respondents are required to keep records at an average annual burden of 6.853 hours per record keeper. The pretreatment program will entail 229,741 hours of record keeping, 1,326,402 hours of reporting, and 209,013 hours for governments as users of the data, for a total of 1,765,156 burden hours.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: March 20, 1999.

**Michael B. Cook,**

*Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6323-1]

### Agency Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. EPA, Office of Compliance, 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, Mail code 2223A.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by calling Sandy Farmer of OPPE at (202) 260-2740 or by e-mail at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rafael Sánchez, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance, Manufacturing, Energy and Transportation Division, Energy and Transportation Branch (2223A), 401 M Street, S.W. Telephone: (202) 564-7028. Facsimile: (202) 564-0050.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Affected entities:* Entities affected by this action are those owners and operators of benzene storage vessels that store benzene having a specific gravity within the range of specific gravities specified in ASTM D 836-84 for Industrial Grade Benzene, ASTM D 835-85 for Refined Benzene-535 and ASTM D 4734-87 for Refined Benzene-545.

**Title:** NESHAP for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Storage Vessels—40 CFR part 61, subpart Y, OMB No. 2060-0185, Expiration Date: 1/31/99.

**Abstract:** Respondents are all owners or operators of benzene storage vessels. It is estimated that 126 existing plants

are subject to the standard. All owners and operators of new or reconstructed plants would also have to respond.

In the General Provisions of 40 CFR part 61 applicable to storage vessels, up to four separate one-time-only reports are required for each owner or operator: notification of construction or reconstruction, initial source report, notification of physical/operational changes, notification of anticipated and actual startup. The initial source report is the only one of these reports that would be required from existing sources under the standard.

Certain records and reports are necessary to assist EPA and State agencies to which enforcement has been delegated in determining compliance with the standard.

An initial emissions test is not required because conducting an emission test is not feasible. Therefore, the format of the standard is that of an equipment standard. Owners or operators of vessels equipped with the specified controls are required to submit, along with the notifications required by the General Provisions, a report that describes the control equipment used to comply with the regulation. Thereafter, an annual visual inspection is required of the primary seal of internal floating roof vessels (IFR's) (in cases where no secondary seal is present). An annual seal gap measurement of the secondary seal system on external floating roof vessels (EFR's) is required. The following inspections are required every five years: (1) internal inspection of seal system on IFR's equipped with primary and secondary seals in situations where the owner or operator has decided to forego the annual visual inspection; and (2) measurement of gaps between the tank wall and primary seal on EFR's. An internal inspection in which the tank is emptied and degassed is required at least every 10 years for IFR's.

Another control option allowed is for owners or operators to equip vessels with closed-vent systems and 95-percent efficient control devices. It is expected that very few, if any, vessels will be equipped with these systems; however, owners or operators of vessels with such systems are required to submit, for the Administrator's approval, an operating plan describing system design specifications and an operation, maintenance, and inspection plan for the system. In the event the owner or operator has installed a flare, a report showing compliance with visible emission provisions shall be furnished to the Administrator. For closed-vent systems with control devices, quarterly reports are required

informing the Administrator of each occurrence that results in excess emissions. Annual reports of the results of these inspections and seal gap measurements are required. These reports will identify each storage vessel that is determined to be out of compliance with the standard, the nature of the defects, and the date the vessel was emptied or the repair was made. The owner or operator will keep copies of all reports and records resulting from these inspections for two years.

The owner or operator of each benzene storage vessel will, for the life of the source, keep readily accessible records showing the dimension of the vessel and an analysis showing the capacity of the storage vessel. For each vessel with a closed vent system and 95-percent efficient control device, records of the operating plan will be kept for the life of the control device. Records of monitored parameters and maintenance will be kept for two years.

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The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Burden Statement:** For subpart Y, EPA estimated the nationwide annualized cost to respondents at a \$47,045/yr over a 3-year period. The respondent burden is estimated at 1,545 person-hours/yr. Respondent costs are estimated based on a cost of \$14.50 per hour, and on an overhead rate of 110 percent (for a total cost per hour of \$30.45). The annual reporting burden is estimated at a \$39,372/yr over a 3-year period. The number of responses per year is estimated to be 162. The number of responses per respondent is estimated to be five. The total annual responses

are estimated to be 810. The number of hours per response per year is estimated to be four. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: April 2, 1999.

**John B. Rasnic,**

*Director, Manufacturing, Energy and Transportation, Division, Office of Compliance.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6322-9]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reporting Requirements Under EPA's Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership—EPA ICR No. 1867.01**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Reporting Requirements Under EPA's Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership—EPA ICR No. 1867.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 12, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1867.01.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements Under EPA's Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership (EPA ICR No. 1867.01). This